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Dear Friend:

This week, I joined my colleagues at the annual State of the City address by Mayor Eric Garcetti, where he also discussed his fiscal year 2017-2018 budget proposal.

In the coming weeks, I will once again lead the Budget and Finance Committee in deliberations on the budget. This intense three week process will help shape our city's priorities and set the path for our future as a safer, more prosperous, sustainable, livable and well-run city.

I'm encouraged by the Mayor's budget proposal and appreciate his support for the City Council's work by continuing to fund critical sidewalk and street repair, backing more housing for the homeless, improving the way Los Angeles serves the business community and increasing our investment in public safety.

During the upcoming budget hearings, one issue I will raise with every department is the urgent need to reduce the growing cost of liability claims against the city. It is absolutely incumbent on the city as a whole to tackle this problem head on and find ways to reduce our liabilities on an ongoing basis without endangering the health of our rainy day funds. If we don't, these costs threaten our ability to provide the level of services Angelenos deserve.

Another factor we'll have to grapple with in this budget is the impact of federal funding cuts threatened by the Trump administration. Nothing is certain right now, but we have to be ready for challenges that may come so we can protect services that our communities rely on, like neighborhood public safety programs, meals for seniors and assistance for victims of domestic violence.

At a time when our nation stands divided, Los Angeles continues to lead the way as a beacon of progress and growth. We must continue to be prudent with our finances so that we have the resources we need to improve our communities.

The budget hearings will begin on Wednesday, April 26, 1pm, at City Hall. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and tell us about your budget priorities. [Click here](#) for the schedule of budget hearings.

Take a look at the proposed budget here: [2017-2018 Budget Proposal](#).

As always, feel free to share your comments with me at paul.krekorian@lacity.org.

Very truly yours,



Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2

TOP STORY

New Synthetic Soccer Fields in NoHo


NORTH HOLLYWOOD - This May, the park at Whitsett Sports Fields is set to welcome two brand new synthetic fields to its North Hollywood soccer complex.

Councilmember Krekorian, the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Engineering invite the community to celebrate the grand opening of the fields with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Here are the details:

Whitsett Soccer Complex Ribbon Cutting
Wednesday, May 3, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Whitsett Sports Fields
12413 Vanowen St.
North Hollywood, CA 91605

In addition to the new fields, this first phase of the project will install fencing, landscaping and irrigation, and complete the expansion of the parking lot for the complex. The project broke ground in May 2016.

Join Councilmember Paul Krekorian



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Logos for the Bureau of Engineering, Councilmember Paul Krekorian District 2, and the City of North Hollywood are displayed at the bottom.

First Community Meeting for Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park Makeover



EAST VALLEY - On May 8, Councilmember Paul Krekorian and the Department of Recreation and Parks will host a special community meeting to discuss the improvements residents would like to see at Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park.

Last December, the dog park won Walmart.com's My Beneful Park contest to receive \$20,000 to improve the park. Councilmember Krekorian provided an additional \$20,000 in matching funds to complete major park upgrades. For more information, contact (818) 755-7676.

Click here to RSVP to the upcoming meeting: bit.ly/WhitnallDogParkMeeting.

CITY SPOTLIGHT

New Stop Signs Boost Pedestrian Safety



Photo: CD2

NORTH HOLLYWOOD - In an effort to increase pedestrian and traffic safety, the LA Department of Transportation, in collaboration with Councilmember Krekorian, installed new all-

way stop signs at four North Hollywood intersections.

The installation areas include: Bellaire Avenue and Blythe Street, Kittridge Street and Buffalo Avenue, Tujunga Avenue and Califa Street, and Peach Grove Street and Cleon Avenue.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Calling All Artists: Submit Utility Box Art Project Proposals Today



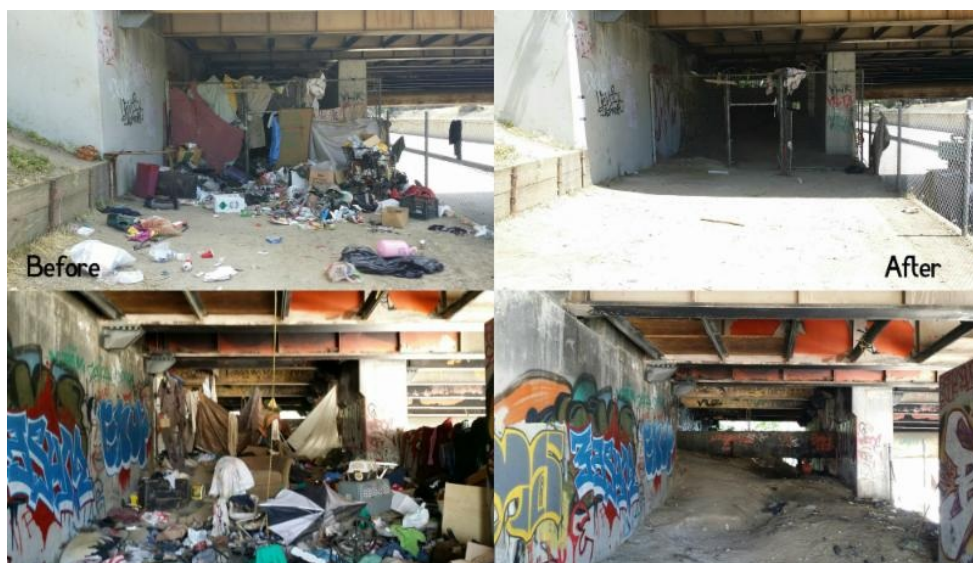
VALLEY GLEN - Councilmember Krekorian, in collaboration with the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council and the Department of Cultural Affairs, is seeking talented visual artists, artist teams and arts organizations to create unique temporary artworks on utility boxes throughout District 2.

Located at the northeast corner of Fulton Avenue and Burbank Boulevard, adjacent to Los Angeles Valley College, the utility boxes will provide another medium to display public art in the community. Artists will be required submit designs based on the theme "the beauty of native plant" along with their applications. The selected artists will receive a stipend of \$500 for their work. Paint, materials and graffiti coating for the project will also be provided.

The Utility Box Art Project is an opportunity for local artists to beautify their East Valley community by transforming utility or electrical boxes into distinctive works of art. This program encourages the creative interaction of artists, city officials and community members to enliven the public space in these corridors.

All projects must adhere to Department of Transportation Guidelines and comply with city codes and an approval process set forth by the Council office. Submit all application materials on or before May 15. To request an application packet, email Greater Valley Glen Arts & Education Committee Chair Linda Wehrli at: lwehrli@greatervalleyglencouncil.org.

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Councilmember Krekorian directed LA Sanitation to clean this area, along the 4100 block of Vineland Avenue. City crews removed more than 20,000 pounds (10 tons) of waste. | Photo: CD2



City crews recently trimmed trees along Bessemer Street and Bluebell Avenue. | Photo: CD2



Councilmember Krekorian spoke about city issues at this month's Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association meeting. | Photo: CD2

EVENTS



LAFD Cadet Academy
Every Sunday from June 25 through August 27
Drill Tower 81
14345 Arminta St.
Panorama City, CA 91402

Women and men of L.A., take your training to the next level as a graduate of the Los Angeles Fire Department Cadet Academy. Exclusively for ride-along certified cadets, this free 10-week intensive program is an opportunity to gain hands-on firefighting and emergency medical service experience and learn about the exciting

career options as one of L.A.'s bravest.

The deadline to register is April 22.

Free Bulky Item Drop Off
Saturday, April 22, 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm
 East Valley District Yard
 11050 Pendleton St.

This Saturday, April 22, Los Angeles Sanitation will host bulk item drop off events at locations across Los Angeles. Bring your bulk-items to the drop off location and be rid of unwanted waste. Resident must provide proof of residency with an LADWP bill to participate to participate.

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Join Metro's Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up. Come learn everything there is to know about using public transportation. Programming will include services geared to the older adult audience. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jacob Lopez at (213) 922-1359 or email at lopezj12@metro.net. Event is accessible by Metro bus or rail.

DATE AND TIME
Friday, April 28, 2017
12:30-2:00pm

LOCATION
Herman Oakleaf Hall
Valley Adult Center
5026 Van Noy St.
Sherman Oaks, 91423

Join us for Metro's Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up. Come learn everything there is to know about using public transportation. Program will include resources geared to the older adult audience. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jacob Lopez at 213.366.1339 or email at jlopez@metro.net.

Event is accessible by Metro bus or car.
To plan your trip use our metro.net or call 311 GO METRO.

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LA Sanitation is hosting a series of Open Houses at your local district refuse yard on specific Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Come join the dynamic duo "Mr. Recycle" and sidekick "Robo Blue" as they jump into action to serve family fun, food and prizes for kids. Admission is free for the whole family. Learn about how the city

recycles the materials in your black, blue and green bins. For more information, visit www.lacitysan.org.

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Join the Los Angeles Shushi Friendship Association to discover Shushi. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample many of Artsakh's traditional delicacies, including wines and spirits from the region, local jams, preserves and honey, learn about Artsakh's tourism offerings, and get a taste of Shushi's rich tradition of poetry, music and art, and traditional rugs and textiles. Tickets to Discover for a donation of \$20 per person (\$10 for students). Children under or further information visit www.facebook.com/LAShushifriendship.

LADOT is pleased to announce that the Department has launched the People St application window. While People St plaza applications are due no later than May 30, the department will be accepting applications for bike corrals and parklets on a rolling basis. Send in your best ideas for bringing the community together through public space. For more information, visit peoplest.lacity.org/get-ready.

[Click here to view all the upcoming events on our Community Calendar.](#)

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